

# THE ADMINISTRATOR



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## A MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY



*Secretary Britt Cobb*

Spring is a time of hope and renewal – and caution, as we await the word of legislators whose decisions will shape the future of the Department of Administration's mission, including its possible embrace of new programs and opportunities.

The Governor's draft budget, while subject to change, provides expanded funding for several vital DOA programs, including those implemented by the Commission of Indian Affairs, Mail Service Center and Veterans Affairs. In addition, it requests funding for new engineering positions and creating HDTV capabilities at the Agency for Public Telecommunications.

We are hopeful that these matters will receive favorable consideration by the members of the General Assembly, and that belt-tightening measures we were asked to make will not affect the high quality service citizens and business partners have come to expect from the Department of Administration.

I'd also like to take this opportunity to encourage each of you to participate in the upcoming Komen Walk for the Cure, which will be held June 14 at Meredith College. Pledge funds raised by DOA's team – The Administriders – will count toward our State Employees Combined Campaign efforts. Last year's team raised more than \$2,000, which helped to jumpstart our record-breaking total of \$36,472!

If you can't join the team, please consider sponsoring it or making a pledge to an individual walker. With your help, we can do even more to help those in our community who most need our support. To learn more, here is a link to the team website:

<http://race.komennctriangle.org/goto/Administriders>

*Britt Cobb*

## SURPLUS FEATURED IN PSA CAMPAIGN

State Surplus Property Officer Randy Lee was featured in a series of public service announcements promoting State Employee Appreciation Week. The annual campaign is sponsored by the State Employees Credit Union.

"We were pleased to have Randy tell citizens about the great things going on at Surplus," said Margaret Jordan, who coordinates the project for the Office of State Personnel.

Lee told listeners that Surplus is the state's "ultimate recycler" by making items no longer needed by the state – ranging from office supplies to jets – available to the public at discount prices. Sales at the Division return about \$20 million annually to state coffers.

Other Departments featured in this year's campaign include Correction, Cultural Resources, Environment and Natural

Resources, and Transportation. They were scheduled to run on radio stations across North Carolina May 4-10.

Click here to hear Lee's public service announcement:

<http://www.doa.nc.gov/special/randylee.wma>





## 'THE ADMINISTRIDERS' TO REPRESENT DOA AT KOMEN WALK

The 2008 SECC Committee would like to thank the many co-workers who suggested names for the DOA team that will participate in the June 14 Komen Walk for the Cure at Meredith College. The winning entry – **The Administriders** – was submitted by Joey Ennis, who received free registration for the 5K Open Recreational Walk provided by an anonymous DOA colleague. The logo was created by graphic designer Jayce Williams.



The Administriders team is now officially registered for the Komen Walk. We encourage all who participated in this contest – indeed, all DOA employees – to join us as a walker or by sponsoring a walker in this important event. Last year, Team DOA raised more than \$2,000 to benefit the State Employees Combined Campaign – which gives us *full credit* for all pledges raised.

In other words, if you're not sure if you want to walk, but want to support the

team, *make a donation to a registered walker or the team!*

Online registration is now closed, but you can use the team website to make a pledge to an individual walker or to the team through this link: <http://race.komennctriangle.org/goto/Administriders>. If you have trouble registering or making your pledge, please contact Jill Warren Lucas at 919-807-2496 or [jill.lucas@doa.nc.gov](mailto:jill.lucas@doa.nc.gov).

## COLE TO WALK IN THREE-DAY KOMEN EVENT

Lisa Cole of the State Ethics Commission will walk with The Administriders and help the team reach its fundraising goal – and she hopes that DOA employees will help her reach her own goal as a participant in a three-day, 60-mile Komen Walk event to be held October 3-5 in Washington, D.C.

Cole's mother and sister both were diagnosed with breast cancer, so she feels a special connection to the Komen Walk cause. As with the money pledged to The Administriders and its individual members, pledges made to support Cole's D.C. walk will count toward DOA's SECC total. If you would like to help her, click on this link to her website:

[http://08.the3day.org/site/TR?px=1701356&fr\\_id=1192&pg=personal](http://08.the3day.org/site/TR?px=1701356&fr_id=1192&pg=personal)

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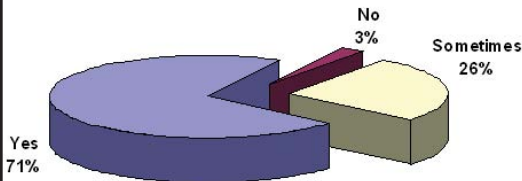
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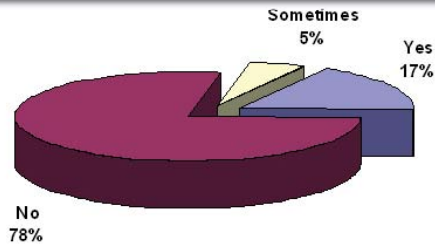
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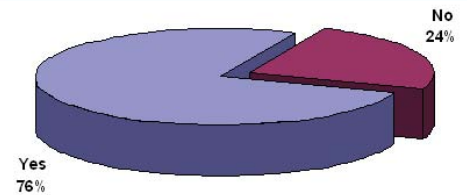
*Do you seek out the gas station with the cheapest price?*



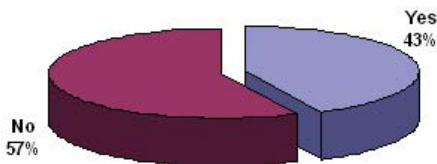
*Do you carpool at least one day a week?*



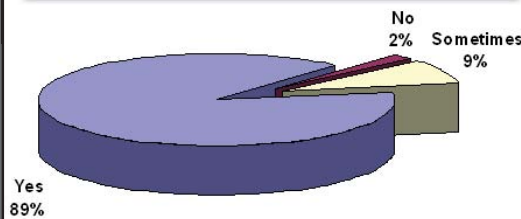
*Have you taken steps to boost gas mileage, such as drive slower or service your vehicle?*



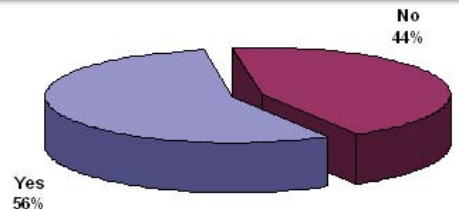
*Have you considered replacing your current vehicle with one that is more fuel efficient?*



*Do you consolidate errands or take other steps to cut back on daily driving?*



*Have you changed or cancelled summer vacation plans because of fuel costs?*



Welcome to the debut of **The Administrator Pulse Poll**, which will be used to measure the responses of DOA employees regarding a wide range of issues. This poll focused on what DOA employees are doing to adjust to the steady increase in fuel costs. Most of the 150 responses were submitted anonymously.

- Too bad we still have no light rail system in the Triangle! To link Raleigh-Durham-Chapel Hill should have been ... a logical alternative which many of us would have used and could use now especially.
- I made my first payment of gas for \$4.03 yesterday. Could not believe it. Got a half tank and said I would refuel when I found a station with cheaper gas.
- I drive a fuel efficient Prius [but] I don't go out to lunch as often, buy

cheaper groceries and basically just don't drive any more than necessary.

- I take the TTA bus from Chapel Hill to downtown Raleigh not only due to fuel costs but also to decrease my carbon footprint.
- I only live 2.8 miles from work so I drive each day. I have cut back on all other driving. I only shop close to home and do not visit family and friends like I once did.
- I may have to end up getting a part-time job close to home just to be able to afford to drive to my full-time job!
- You have to buy gas to go to work so the bills get paid. Unfortunately, certain bills get placed on hold and are paid late to make up the difference. It's turning out to be a lose-lose situation.

- If gas reaches \$4 a gallon or more I may consider taking the bus. Eating out has been almost eliminated. When shopping, the clearance shelf is first on my list.
- Closing the office on Monday or Friday would save all employees a week a month of driving to work and would also eliminate having to cool these large state buildings for just a few workers, thus saving energy all around.
- I'm riding the bus three days a week with the GO PASS, which is free for state employees.
- Looking for a job closer to home. I can't afford to drive to work anymore.
- We have been allowing our son to drive to high school, but that may not be an option next year.

*Pulse Poll continued on page 4*





## EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT: CHERYL POYNER, DIVISION OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Every boss hopes for the sort of employee who is friendly, helpful and able to fix nearly anything. Likewise, every co-worker hopes for a colleague who fosters a spirit of cooperation that makes everyone feel good about being part of the team. Few people, however, actually fit such an extraordinary description.

The Division of Veterans Affairs boasts a remarkable exception. "Cheryl Poyner seems to make it her job to make work an enjoyable place to be," said Director Charlie Smith. "Because of her, our workplace environment is very relaxed, a place free of tension, where each employee enjoys spending eight hours each day."

For her selfless service to veterans, her exceptional work ethic and caring support of co-workers, Poyner's colleagues have nominated her for the Administrator Extra Effort Award.

While her job title since 2000 has been Administrative Assistant to the Director,

Smith said Poyner seeks opportunities to get involved with all areas of service the Division provides to qualified veterans and their families. In addition to her daily duties, she assists with the Cemetery Program, State Veterans Home Program, the District Offices and State Office. She orders office supplies and equipment, from copiers to tractors. And she provides invaluable assistance with the scholarship program for children of ailing and disabled veterans.

"Cheryl is consistently looking for ways to make our agency more efficient," Smith said. "While we face some difficult challenges in providing services and meeting the needs of North Carolina's veterans, Cheryl's supportive demeanor is a big part of why our employees feel so valued and appreciated."



*Charlie Smith and Cheryl Poyner*

Outside of the workplace, Poyner is very active in her church, where she is a member of the choir and participates in activities that benefit others. She also is a regular blood donor at the American Red Cross and a devoted caregiver to her elderly parents.

### *Pulse Poll continued from page 3*

- I do not take "Sunday drives" anymore. I am looking into bus schedules to see if I can take the bus to work at least 2-3 times a week. My weekend job is another story. I may have to give it up due to gas prices.
- I don't shop or go out without multiple reasons. No more spur of the moment shopping.
- I had my engine tuned up and wheels aligned and balanced; mileage increased by 1-2 miles per gallon. Last Spring (before the big price rise) we replaced my wife's car with a hybrid, nearly doubling fuel efficiency. We now use that car for all family driving.
- I bike to work about three times per week.
- I have been brown-bagging my lunch for work instead of going out to get something to eat. If the gas price goes up past \$4, I will have to consider walking or biking to work at least two days out of the week.
- We will not be taking a vacation this year due to gas prices.
- When gas reaches \$4 and remains at that price, I will consider a job closer to home even with a cut in pay.
- I have owned a Toyota Prius since June 2004 ... and recently bought a bicycle that I plan to ride to work as often as possible; this is for my personal health, as well as the environment and economy.
- I expect many have cancelled their vacation plans for Memorial Day. I have!
- I had to trade my Chevrolet Z71 truck and buy a more fuel efficient vehicle. Now I will have to buy a small truck for around \$1000 that will not do half the work of my other truck. My wife and I also have another car that we are going to sell. Gas prices are really hitting hard.

If you would like to suggest a topic for a future **Administrator Pulse Poll**, please send it to Jill Warren Lucas at [jill.lucas@doa.nc.gov](mailto:jill.lucas@doa.nc.gov).



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## EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT: SAMUEL JACOBS, DIVISION OF FISCAL MANAGEMENT

According to his co-workers, who nominated him for the Administrator Extra Effort Award, there are two things that Samuel Jacobs apparently never does: one is sleep; the other is to say "no."

"That is so true," said Fiscal Management accounting clerk Sharon Peters, who has worked closely with him for three years but known him for nearly 20. "Samuel always has total attention to detail and he gives of himself no matter how tired he is. He's a good Christian man who will do whatever job needs to be done, be it broom sweeper or executive. He's just your classic team player."

In the 28 years since he joined Fiscal, Jacobs has played nearly every position and gotten to know countless people in DOA and throughout state government. In his current role as Budget Officer, he works with the Office of the Secretary, Human Resources Management, the HUB Office, the Division of Non-Public Education, Management Information Systems, the Agency for Public Telecommunications, State Construction Office and State Building Commission, State Property Office, Purchase & Contract, State Capitol Police and Veteran Affairs, as well as the Office of the Lieutenant Governor, Office of State Personnel, the State Board of Elections, State Ethics Commission and the License

to Give Trust Fund Commission.

"Samuel is an outstanding employee and provides valuable services to the Department," said Fiscal Director Dewey Stephens. "I just can't say enough good things about the man."

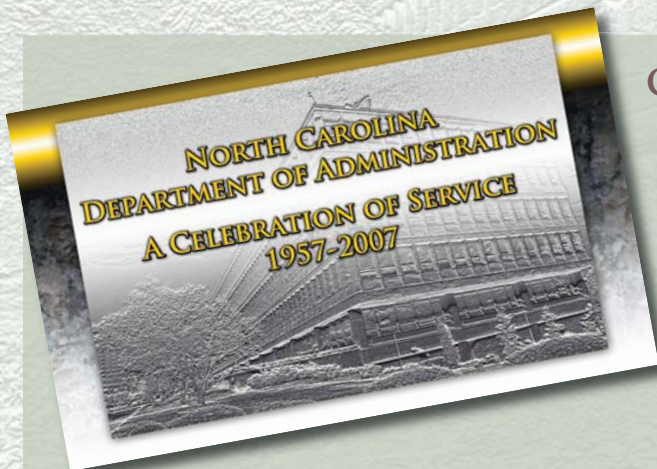
Away from the office, the father of three is deeply involved as a volunteer with his church and his community. He serves as assistant coach for the McGees Crossroad Athletic Association and volunteers with the Johnston County School System. He serves in several positions at the Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, including Deacon, Sunday School Director, Choir and Pulpit committees, Wednesday Night Youth teacher, Nominating, Brotherhood, Budget, and Buildings and Grounds committees. And if that's not enough, he also performs with the Hands in Motion Sign Language Signing Group.



*Samuel Jacobs with some of his restored cars*

In his "free" time, Jacobs indulges his habit of buying and selling cars, especially vintage vehicles in need of his special touch.

"Everybody loves Samuel, and for so many reasons," Peters said. "How could you not?"



## CELEBRATION OF DOA'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY

Secretary Britt Cobb invites DOA employees and friends to view the online publication, [North Carolina Department of Administration: A Celebration of Service 1957-2007](#). CD versions of the special book have been submitted to the Office of Archives and History to allow citizens, scholars and anyone who might care to look back at this period of achievement in the Department's long and distinguished history.



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## EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION DAY COOKOUT



*Secretary Britt Cobb (top photo, center) greeted hundreds of DOA employees on May 7 for the annual Employee Appreciation Day Hotdog Cookout. Shirley Faulk and Ivy Hoffman (at right in middle photo) were among those who volunteered to serve lunch. Lots of folks kicked up their heels during the sunny gathering at Facility Management, including June Michaux (below, center).*



## BACK FROM GHANA

Stephanie Nantz, assistant director of the Youth Advocacy & Involvement Office, recently returned from Ghana with a group of N.C. Central University students who are pursuing their master of public administration degrees. She is seen here visiting children in an orphanage. "The trip was absolutely life changing," Nantz said. "It makes you look differently at all the things you take for granted – from the availability of clean water to the ability to walk around without an escort." Watch for more about her trip in the summer edition of **THE ADMINISTRATOR**.





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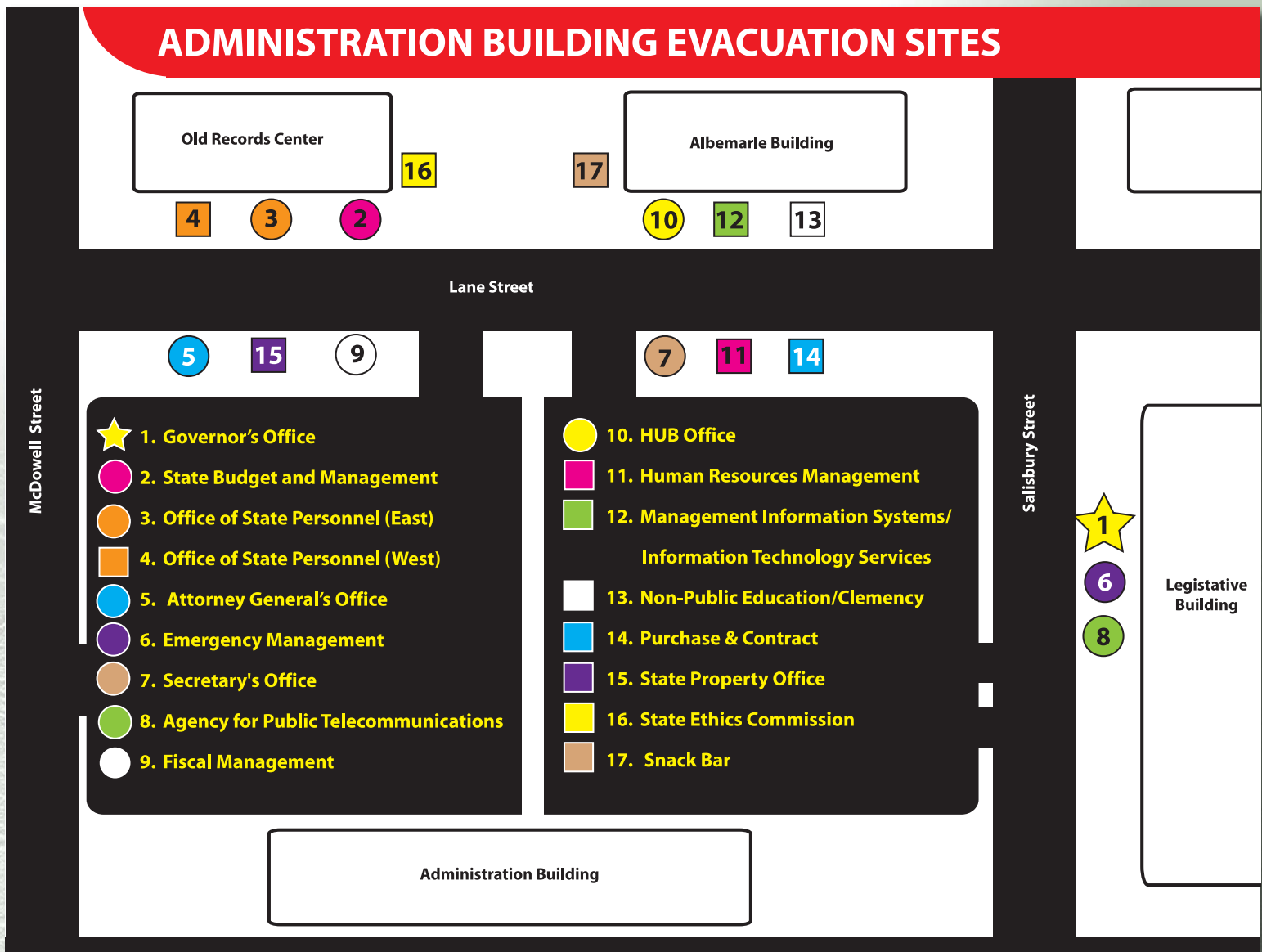
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## NEW EVACUATION MAP FOR ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

Please keep and post this revised evacuation map for the Administration Building and dispose of any old maps you may have. Take a minute to find your Division and where each member of your office should evacuate to in the event of a drill or actual emergency. Someone in each Division should be responsible for maintaining a list of employees and ensuring that everyone present that day is accounted for at the assigned evacuation site.

To download and print additional copies of this map, visit <http://www.nccapitolpolice.com/evacuation.htm>. If you have questions or concerns, contact State Capitol Police Chief Scott Hunter at 919-733-4646.

### ADMINISTRATION BUILDING EVACUATION SITES





## GOING, GOING, GONE!

The Old Y Building – once home to the Commission of Indian Affairs, Human Relations Commission and Youth Advocacy & Involvement Office – has undergone a “green” demolition process over the past several weeks to make way for the new Green Square project. Note how the rear portion of the building was the first to fall, with the rest gradually peeling away to expose the building’s shell. Today, all that remains is the rubble of scattered brick, much of which will be reclaimed and used in the new construction.



## RETIREMENTS, NEW HIRES

### RETIREMENTS:

Thomas Piraino	Facility Management	February 1
Joshua McCormick	Facility Management	February 1
John Blake	Veterans Affairs	March 1
Mary Jane Victor	State Property Office	March 1
William Davis	State Construction Office	April 1
Chrysteena Baggett	Secretary's Office	May 1

### NEW HIRES:

Elaine Smokes	Council for Women/DV Commission	February 1
Sherra Merchant Pope	Council for Women/DV Commission	February 12
Robert Sturm	State Capitol Police	February 13
Shanna Harwell	State Energy Office	February 13
Henry McCray	State Capitol Police	February 20
Sundria McCuller	Veterans Affairs	March 3
Mary Keef	Motor Fleet Management	March 3
Lon Hall	State Capitol Police	March 3
Paul Moore	State Property Office	March 3
Walter Smith	Facility Management	March 3
Burnadette Exum	Human Resources Management	March 10
Turner Lindley	Fiscal Management	March 10
Amanda Hubbard	Agency for Public Telecommunications	March 17
Judy English	Veterans Affairs	March 24
Richard Gatien	Veterans Affairs	March 24
Rosilyn Yancey	Mail Service Center	March 24
Catherine Reeve	State Parking Systems	March 24
Sherry Manning	Veterans Affairs	April 1
Brandi Riddick	Human Resources Management	April 2
John Brown	State Capitol Police	April 14
Danyale Washington	Fiscal Management	April 15



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## TURNER AWARD PRESENTED AT STATE CONSTRUCTION CONFERENCE

The Frank B. Turner Award was presented to a career state employee and Certificates of Merit were awarded to designers and contractors on Feb. 19 during the 27th annual State Construction Conference at the McKimmon Center in Raleigh. The event, which attracted more than 1,000 contractors, subcontractors, engineers, architects, landscape architects and representatives of state agencies, was presented by the State Construction Office.

The Turner Award was presented to George B. Briggs, FASLA. Given annually since 1983, it recognizes a state government employee for dedicated public service and outstanding professional contributions to the built environment. Briggs is Executive

Director of the N.C. Arboretum in Asheville. Since the inception of the Arboretum 20 years ago as a trailer in the woods, Briggs has led the establishment, design, and programming of the 435-acre facility. The Arboretum has become the major state tourism attraction in Western North Carolina.

The following designers and contractors received Certificates of Merit from the State Building Commission for outstanding achievement:

**The East Group, Designer**  
Replacement of Electrical Building-  
Radio Island at the Port of  
Morehead City  
N.C. State Ports Authority

**Skanska USA, Contractor**  
Golden LEAF, Inc. Biotechnology  
Education and Training Center on  
Centennial Campus  
N.C. State University

**New Atlantic Contracting Inc., Contractor**  
Daniels Student Store Renovation  
University of North Carolina at Chapel  
Hill

**A&M Construction Company, Contractor**  
D. H. Hill Library East Wing Renovation  
N.C. State University

**Pipeline Utilities, Inc., Contractor**  
Steam Distribution and Capacity  
Improvements VI  
N.C. State University

## NEW DOA WEB DOMAIN NAMES

Agency for Public Telecommunications	<a href="http://www.ncapt.tv">www.ncapt.tv</a>
Commission of Indian Affairs	<a href="http://www.doa.nc.gov/cia">www.doa.nc.gov/cia</a>
Council for Women / Domestic Violence	<a href="http://www.nccfwdvc.com">www.nccfwdvc.com</a>
Division of Non-Public Education	<a href="http://www.ncdnpe.org">www.ncdnpe.org</a>
Division of Purchase and Contract	<a href="http://www.ncpandc.gov">www.ncpandc.gov</a>
Division of Veterans Affairs	<a href="http://www.ncveterans.com">www.ncveterans.com</a>
Facility Management Division	<a href="http://www.ncfacilitymanagement.net">www.ncfacilitymanagement.net</a>
Federal Surplus Property	<a href="http://www.doa.nc.gov/fsp">www.doa.nc.gov/fsp</a>
Human Relations Commission	<a href="http://www.doa.nc.gov/hrc">www.doa.nc.gov/hrc</a>
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Office for Historically Underutilized Businesses	<a href="http://www.doa.nc.gov/hub">www.doa.nc.gov/hub</a>
Office of Fiscal Management	<a href="http://www.doa.nc.gov/fiscal">www.doa.nc.gov/fiscal</a>
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State Construction Office	<a href="http://www.nc-sco.com">www.nc-sco.com</a>
State Energy Office	<a href="http://www.energync.net">www.energync.net</a>
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State Parking Systems	<a href="http://www.doa.nc.gov/parking">www.doa.nc.gov/parking</a>
State Property Office	<a href="http://www.doa.nc.gov/spo">www.doa.nc.gov/spo</a>
State Surplus Property	<a href="http://www.ncstatesurplus.com">www.ncstatesurplus.com</a>
Youth Advocacy & Involvement Office	<a href="http://www.ncyaio.com">www.ncyaio.com</a>
NCDOA State Employees Combined Campaign	<a href="http://www.doa.nc.gov/secc">www.doa.nc.gov/secc</a>





## DIVISION NEWS

### AGENCY FOR PUBLIC TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Collin O'Doherty, stepson of producer/director **Vivian Cruz-O'Doherty**, will graduate from R.J. Reynolds High School in Winston-Salem in June and will attend East Carolina University in the fall.

### COUNCIL FOR WOMEN/DV COMMISSION

**Tara Minter** is part of the State Employees Association of North Carolina (SEANC) delegation that will represent North Carolina at the Service Employees International Union (SEIU) Convention from May 30 to June 5 in Puerto Rico. SEANC is the third-largest affiliate within SEIU.

**Mel Chilton** welcomed her second grandchild on April 3. Paige Denver Hughes arrived weighing 10 pounds 11 ounces and was 21¾ inches long.

**Patti Kelley** celebrated her 50th birthday on April 24.

### FISCAL MANAGEMENT

**Danyale Washington** started in Fiscal Management on as an Accountant on April 14.

Happy birthday to: **Michelle Swiniarski** (April 27) and **Tracy Williams** (April 30).

### HUB OFFICE

HUB Director **Bridget L. Wall** will marry Walter Lennon in Charlotte on June 7.

Rickey Baskett Jr., son of HUB Deputy Director **Rick Baskett** and wife Debbie, graduated May 10 from N.C. A&T State University with a bachelor of science degree in biology.



*Renee Morrison of the Council for Women/Domestic Violence Commission celebrated her 50th birthday on May 2 by getting married! Her husband is James Thomas, who works with ITS. Their hand gestures signify the phrase, "Rock on!"*

### HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

**Sally Lind**, supervisor of the Human Rights section, received her certification for a Master of Human Rights Workers from the National Association of Human Rights Workers.

**Renee' Smith**, who worked as an investigator out of Goldsboro, accepted the job as Director of the Wilson County Human Relations Commission.

### MAIL SERVICE CENTER

**Clifton "Cortez" Winston** will be ordained on June 15 at the Cosmopolitan Church in Raleigh. Cortez has been with the Mail Service Center for more than five years and is a well respected member of our team.

**Mary Smith** will become a grandmother for the second time. Her son Lionel will be bringing her a bundle of joy soon.

**Hazel Denning** also will become a new grandmother soon.

**Rosilyn Yancey** has joined the team at the Mail Service Center as an Accountant IV. She will be responsible for the accounts payables and receivables.

**Linda King** had been working as a temporary employee but is now a full time member of our team in the USPS section.

**Julian Brinkley** joined us in May as the driver for our second tour shift. We also added a new courier driver, **Louis Eldridge**. Big Lou will be driving all night to make sure our counties get the mail that our customers send on a daily basis.

Congratulations to **Theron Locklear** for making a move to inter-city driver. He formerly worked as an automatic sorter. **Belen Utley** has joined us as a new automatic sorter. We're glad to have her back.



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## MOTOR FLEET MANAGEMENT

New 2008 vehicles are arriving on the lot at Motor Fleet to replace older models retired for high mileage. So far, 172 of the more than a thousand vehicles ordered have arrived, with the balance expected over the next several weeks.

## PARKING SYSTEMS

**Cathy Reeve** became Director of Parking Systems in March.

## PURCHASE & CONTRACT

**James Staton** has received his MBA in Public Administration from the University of Phoenix.

Happy Birthday to **Carol Amerson** (April 25), **Tony Vinogradov** (April 28), **James Staton** (April 9), **Teresa Chaney** (May 17), **Garey Graham** (May 21) and **Grant Braley** (May 23).

The E-procurement/Education Outreach section continues to offer purchasing education to purchasers and vendors throughout the State. A regional training was offered recently at N.C. A&T State University. Winston-Salem State University and A&T purchasers, engineers, project managers and other end users attended the intensive two-day workshop.

**Tony Vinogradov** recently participated in several conferences and HUB training classes for vendors and conducted training on "How to Do Business with North Carolina." **Lois Poole** and **Sondra Phillips** earned praise from participants at vendor training they provided for the N.C. Procurement Technical Assistance Center.

The National Institute of Governmental Purchasing conference will be hosted by the local chapter of the Carolinas Association of Governmental Purchasing in Charlotte from July 26-30. This is an excellent opportunity for North Carolina purchasers to attend a national conference, which is a great resource for

learning about the latest trends and best practices in procurement. Several of the E-procurement/Education Outreach team members will be volunteer workers at the conference. To learn more about the conference, go to <http://www.nigp.org/events/Forum.htm>

## SECRETARY'S OFFICE

**Chrys Baggett** retired on May 1, after serving as the first and only director of the State Environmental Clearinghouse for 31 years. She enjoyed a retirement luncheon with colleagues on April 25 and was presented the Order of the Long Leaf Pine.

Please welcome **Valerie McMillan**, who became Director of the State Environmental Review Clearinghouse on May 13. McMillan completed her undergraduate work at Duke University and received her Masters in Marine Affairs from the University of Washington. Prior to joining us, she was an independent consultant on environmental and regulatory matters, a Hazard Mitigation Specialist with FEMA in Puerto Rico, and an Assistant

Manager/Planner with the Office of State Planning in Honolulu, Hawaii.

Graham Lucas, son of **Jill Warren Lucas**, received a Jimmy Gibbs Award for his participation in the Education Committee at the 38th annual Youth Legislative Assembly. In addition, Graham will serve as a Senate Page during the short session of the General Assembly.

Graphic Designer **Jayce Williams** is getting ready for a trip to Germany to visit a friend. He will be gone for two weeks in July, so be sure to plan ahead for any special graphic design needs.

## STATE CONSTRUCTION OFFICE

After many years with the State Construction Office, **William (Bill) Davis** retired on April 1. He will be missed!

Congratulations to Professional Engineer **Tommy Harrill**, who was promoted to fill Bill's position as head of the Design Review Section on April 1.



*Veterans Affairs Director Charlie Smith (second from left) and Assistant Director Wayne Peedin (second from right) were honored as Employer of the Year at the 2008 Employer Support of the N.C. National Guard and Reserve (ESGR) Awards Banquet on March 15.*

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Congratulations also go to **Jennifer Braley**, who transferred from Facility Condition Assessment Program to the Administrative Assistant position in the Consulting Services Section.

Welcome to Professional Engineer **Marcus Potter**, who joined the Electrical Design Review Team on May 1.

## PROPERTY OFFICE

Welcome aboard! **P. Everett Moore** joined SPO as a Real Property Agent in the General Real Property Section on March 3.

Congratulations! **Bonnie Jones** has accepted a position with the Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Marine Fisheries, starting May 27.

We wish Bonnie the best. She will be missed!

Happy Birthday: **Angie Gordon** (April 7), **Teresa Matthews** (April 15), **Paul Wilson** (April 19), **John Webb** (April 29), **Wanda Hilliard** (May 23), **Joe Creech** (June 1), **David Keeley** (June 1), **June Michaux** (June 5), **Kelly Promer** (June 28) and **John Cox** (June 30).

DOA employees contributed \$567 to a collection managed by SPO to benefit injured snack room worker **Lovey Hicks**. **Teresa Matthews** says Hicks wanted her to thank everyone for all the cards, calls and donations she's received. She is expected to return to work soon.

**SURPLUS PROPERTY DIVISION**  
The Federal Surplus Property Division has launched its new website at <http://www.doa.state.nc.us/fsp/index.htm>

## YOUTH ADVOCACY & INVOLVEMENT OFFICE

Congratulations to **Cynthia Hicks Giles**, who received a Master of Science degree in Education/Curriculum and Instruction from N.C. State University on May 10.

**Lisa Flint-Morris** was elected to the N.C. Association of Colleges and Employers Executive Board for 2008-2009 to serve as Employer Representative.

## STUDENT LEADERS HONORED AT YOUTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

Student leaders were recognized with special honors during the 38th annual Youth Legislative Assembly (YLA), which was held March 7-9 in Raleigh. A record number of students – 275 teens from 41 counties and 88 schools – participated in the event, which was presented by the Youth Advocacy and Involvement Office.

The Richard White Leadership Award, named after 1996 YLA Tri-Speaker Richard White, is given to the senior-ranking members of the YLA Leadership Team who demonstrate strong leadership and organizational skills. The 2008 honorees

are Chantel Simpson of Reidsville High School, Reidsville, and Vincent Russell of Ragsdale High School, Greensboro.

The Sud-Freemark Award of Service honors a student who has participated in the Youth Legislative Assembly for four years, with three of those years being on the leadership team. The 2008 recipients are Katherine Whitfield of Kinston High School, Kinston, Shivani Sud of C.E. Jordan High School, Durham, and Nandini Dhullipalla of Chapel Hill High School, Chapel Hill.



## 100 STATE GOVERNMENT INTERNS REPORT FOR WORK

One hundred college, graduate and law students have been selected for 10-week summer internships with state agencies. The N.C. State Government Internship Program, now in its 38th year, is coordinated by the Youth Advocacy and Involvement Office.

"This outstanding group of students will gain hands-on experience in dozens of diverse jobs across state government this summer," said Gov. Mike Easley said. "These opportunities help to prepare our students for the challenges of the global marketplace and encourage public service."

Internships began on May 27 and continue through August 1. Students are paid \$8.25 an hour for their jobs, which take them across North Carolina to perform a wide range of important tasks.

Ninety-eight North Carolina students were awarded internships in 2007. This year, 586 students from 70 counties and 109 post-secondary institutions applied for internships. Through a competitive selection process overseen by the N.C. Internship Council, 100 students were selected to work in projects in 22 departments and 50 divisions.





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## FIFTH ANNUAL N.C. SUSTAINABLE ENERGY CONFERENCE

Approximately 750 representatives from state agencies, universities, businesses, industry, schools and nonprofits attended the 2008 N.C. Sustainable Energy Conference, coordinated by the State Energy Office. This year's event, held April 8-9 at the McKimmon Center, was the largest such event to date. It featured 55 exhibits, 28 sponsors, an alternative fuel vehicle showcase and 70 speakers, including Gov. Mike Easley.

The conference covered a wide range of sustainable energy topics, including green building practices, alternative fuel technology and sustainable transportation issues, renewable energy and carbon markets, cutting edge solar and other new sustainable energy technologies,

sustainable energy education and energy in schools, energy efficiency, and sustainable energy related legislation.

Workshops on April 9 focused on energy issues for public agencies, with an alternate track offered by the N.C. Solar Center that covered industrial energy efficiency and technology. The alternative fuel vehicle showcase featured seven alternative fuel vehicles and exhibits, including Wake County's hybrid plug-in school bus, the Piedmont Biofuels mobile biodiesel processor, and other biofuel and electricity powered vehicles.

During the conference, the State Energy Office recognized seven North Carolina

energy and environmental professionals, state legislators, agencies and others who have supported energy sustainability, with awards for "Sustainable Energy Leadership." In addition, the North Carolina Zoo was honored with the coveted 2008 "Sustainable Energy Champion Award."

As interest in sustainable energy continues to grow, the need for clear, accurate, and thorough information on the subject is essential. For additional information about this year's conference, conference speaker bios and presentations are available on the State Energy Office website, [www.energync.net](http://www.energync.net).

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1. Retired April 1 from State Construction
2. Group representing DOA at Komen Walk
3. Fiscal Management's Yes-Man
4. New Director of State Parking Systems
5. Name of new Administrator survey feature
6. He called Surplus the "ultimate recycler"
7. Number of State Government Interns this year
8. Celebrated 50th birthday with a wedding
9. Helps make Veterans Affairs "free of tension"
10. Will be ordained June 15
11. Farewell gift to Chryst Baggett

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